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# Keep more money in your wallet instead of sending it down the drain!

Cooler days and nights make wintertime optimal for saving water. Check out these quick and easy water-saving tips:

- 1. Adapt your watering schedule to the weather and the season.** Familiarize yourself with the settings on your irrigation controller. Adjust the watering schedule regularly to conform to current weather conditions.
- 2. Schedule each individual zone in your irrigation system.** “Scheduling” accounts for the type of sprinkler, sun or shade exposure and the soil type for the specific area. The same watering schedule should almost never apply to all zones in the system.
- 3. Inspect your system monthly.** Check for leaks, broken or clogged heads and other problems.
- 4. Adjust sprinkler heads.** Clear obstructions that prevent sprinklers from distributing water evenly. Keep water off pavement and hard surfaces.
- 5. Turn off your irrigation when it rains.** This is now required in our Municipal Code (NBMC 14.16.040) during a rainfall event.
- 6. Water at the optimum time.** Water when the sun is low or down, winds are calm and temperatures are cool – between the evening and early morning – to reduce evaporation. You can lose up to 30% of water due to evaporation by watering midday.





The chart below suggests a weekly schedule for spray-head irrigation, assuming clay-loam soil which is common in Newport Beach. Generally these are the **MAXIMUM** times you will need for full-sun areas. If you notice signs of plant stress, increase the run time. If stress is in a particular area, check your irrigation system for water spray disrepair. Please remember that the suggested schedules may not be appropriate for your specific property.

## Suggested Weekly Winter Irrigation Schedule

	Turf Grass	Trees, Shrubs, and Ground Cover	% Option **
January & February	2 days, 2 cycles* of 2 minutes each	1 day, 2 cycles* of 3 minutes each	30%

\* Programming the run time for a 2-3 minute duration and cycling one hour apart will allow deeper watering and healthy root growth.

\*\* This percentage option, either a button or a dial, permits the watering run times for all electric valves managed by a controller to be increased or decreased by adjusting the percentage.

### Questions or comments?

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